

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

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Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

Yes it will. We all know that such devices never anticipate all legitimate fair use options.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Yes it will. We all know that such devices never anticipate all legitimate fair use options.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

Yes it will. If it's impossible to be certain of fair use with existing equipment, the problem is magnified when new and innovative devices are invented in the future.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

It would increase the cost.

Other Comments:

Citizens have the right to own effective tools for employing digital content in useful ways. The broadcast flag is itself theft and steals that right from me. I have paid for and own licenses for every software and comm product I use. Content producers should not, through laziness, take that right away from me. It has been demonstrated over and over again that when the government does not intervene effective anti-theft mechanisms arise in a _free_ market.